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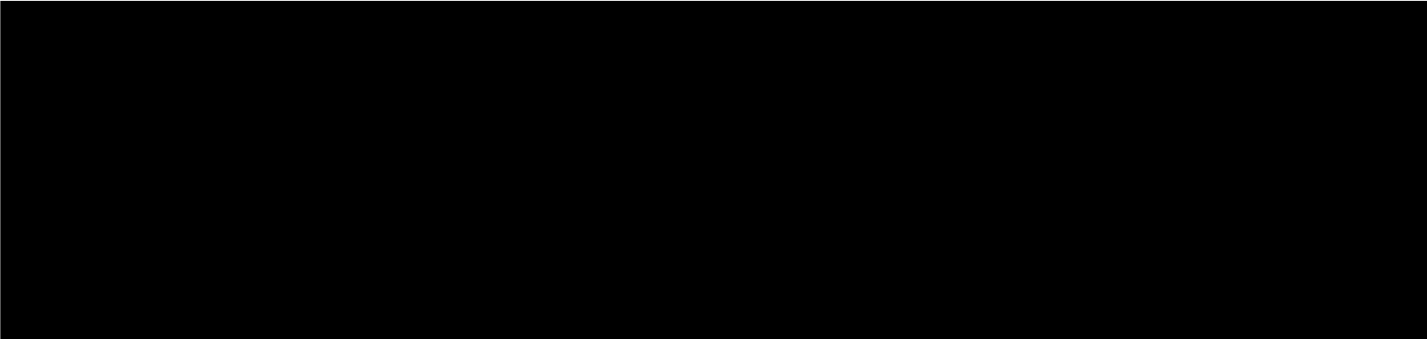
17 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Comments on the Survey of the Office of the
Comptroller by the Inspector General's Office

1. The attached comments on the survey report prepared by the Inspector General's Office are forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

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3. We agree that a strong Comptrollership is essential, but an overly "agressive" attitude may lead to difficulties and possibly undo some of the good work that has already been accomplished by generating ill will and causing strained relationships. Anyway, the term "agressive" is one of degree and opinion and differs with each individual's point of view.


4. It is realized that the attached comments and replies do not complete the action required in some instances and that further follow-ups and reports will be necessary. Reports on these items will be submitted as and when the studies, surveys, and/or actions are completed.

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5. It will be noted that the comments of the Chief of Administration, DD/P, have been incorporated in the answers to the conclusions and recommendations involving matters relating to DD/P operations. The original signed memorandum is also made a part of the report as Tab C.

6. It was a pleasure to work with the members of the Survey Team. The officials and employees of the Office of the Comptroller believe that the survey was very worthwhile from many points of view and that the report as a whole was objectively presented and of a constructive character, although we do not agree entirely with all of its conclusions and recommendations.

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